

INOUE  
Appl. No. 09/826,833  
July 16, 2004

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004. Claims 7 and 10-11 have been canceled. Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 12-15 are pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-15 include allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112 rejection.

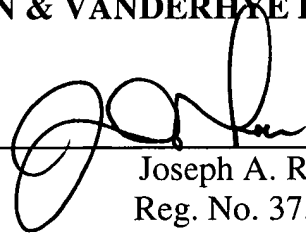
With respect to the Section 112 rejection, it is submitted that the changes to the claims herein address and overcome any potential issue in this regard. The newly added language is clearly supported by the instant specification as originally filed (e.g., see page 15, lines 21-27).

The application is now in condition for allowance given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHUYE P.C.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Joseph A. Rhoa  
Reg. No. 37,515

JAR:caj  
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22201-4714  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100